



## Making an IMPACT!

### *From Student Academy Graduates:*

- "I like science and engineering more now because I didn't realize how cool they were before I came to STARBASE. I am amazed because I learned things there I didn't know!" *Samaryi*
- "I never paid attention to science and engineering before, but I now have more interest. You guys are the coolest scientists on the planet." *Javon*
- "I think at STARBASE it is not just having fun, you LEARN while you are having fun." *Zueima*
- "The more the STARBASE teachers taught us, the more I started to understand and get better." *Katy*
- "I learned working can be fun, and to never give up." *Zoe*
- "I feel better in my school work, because I understand better now. I know making mistakes is okay." *Adriana*
- "I liked engineering, but now I love it because we learned cool things. I know that engineers make many mistakes. I think that I am smarter now." *Emilio*
- "I have more of an interest in science and engineering because STARBASE taught me that you can be an engineer or scientist if you think like one." *Makenzie*
- "You opened my eyes to science, engineering, mathematics, and technology. Before I came to STARBASE, I thought they were just boring jobs you can get as an adult." *Alyssa*
- "STARBASE made it fun to learn. Ya'll are the best. You helped me learn in a fun way." *Emerson*

### *From Principals, School Administrators, and Participating Teachers:*

- "The student materials reveal the depth of content and hands-on discovery learning that is research-based and motivating. The real-life experiences bring science to life! Our teachers see the results in student learning and as importantly, student excitement about learning. As teachers see this engagement, they are motivated to bring more STEM into their own classrooms." *G. Colvin, Principal, Shreve Island Elementary*
- "The correlation with the state and local standards is above and beyond, as it ties directly into those critical thinking skills that are required. I'm a huge STARBASE supporter—it is what education is meant to be." *T. Bird, Principal, Curtis Elementary*
- "I know that this program positively impacted my students' test scores and overall knowledge of STEM. This program is wonderful and builds experiences for our students. I love the hands-on, minds-on learning." *S. Huff, Principal, Werner Park Elementary*
- "The correlation of the standards confirms that this is time well-spent! It supports many, if not more standards that would or could be covered in a regular class setting. The manner in which the standards are covered exceeds what could be done at the elementary school." *D. Kurkeiwicz, Principal, Mooringsport Elementary*

"Everything was well-organized, and the preparation for all activities was amazing. Lower-performing students really shined. The activities also bring out the "middle of the road" students. The experience was a great eye-opener and will help them develop goals for their future."

*K. Raspberry, Teacher, S. Island Elementary*

"The STARBASE experience has caused my students to be more interested in the STEM fields, and has allowed me to see other ways that I can integrate more cross-curricular teaching in all subject areas."

*D. Starks, Teacher, Cherokee Park Elementary*

"STARBASE has caused my students to be more excited about science. Several of my students have mentioned new career goals and seem to be more confident about their future in the job market. A few of my students have mentioned higher interest in education after high school."

*S. Pruett, Teacher, R.V. Kerr Elementary*

"STARBASE give my students opportunities that they have never had before. It is an opportunity to experience real engineering design in a way that I cannot provide."

*K. McCabe, Teacher, Carrie Martin Elementary*

"STARBASE has helped reinforce the importance of STEM. Student started thinking about their future careers and how that is linked to their learning. This has been an amazing experience! I am going to look into more STEM training for me!"

*M. Cowden, Teacher, Word of God Academy*

"The activities that we do each day present great knowledge and hands-on activities. It rates at the top of the educational activities that we participate in."

*S. Oliver, Teacher, Creswell Elementary*

"My students have become better peer partners and give more detail and information during instruction. They show more interest in learning since coming to STARBASE. I have been exposed to more ways to provide instruction other than what is generally expected at our school. I've learned to allow my students more freedom of decision making when working in groups and that there is more than 2 or 3 ways to provide effective instruction."

*A. Brown, Teacher, Werner Park Elementary*

#### ***From the Parents:***

"Our past, present, and future are greatly affected by advances in STEM, so I am ecstatic that my children attend a school that takes part in the STARBASE program. STARBASE is an excellent opportunity to steer our youth toward careers in STEM."

*Parent of R. Washington, Benton Elementary*

"My son loved every minute of visiting STARBASE. He is dyslexic, and each activity captured his attention. He retained a lot of information in that short period of time which is not the case if he just has to read."

*Parent of R. Mekelburg, St. John Berchmans Cathedral School*

"Kaden looked forward to STARBASE every week and excited about what he was going to learn that day. They make learning fun."

*Parent of K. Ward, Princeton Elementary*

"The STARBASE experience gave exposure to all the different STEM activities and got each child to think on a different level. Hopefully, it will get them interested in things that they never thought of before."

*Parent of Payton, Kingston Elementary*

"The staff at STARBASE was second to none. They made our students feel welcome and excited to be there."

*Parent of L. Hastings, Carrie Martin Elementary*

"I like that the kids receive real world learning experiences outside the classroom. They got to see a true working environment while learning. He loved the engineering, and really enjoyed going from the idea to the prototype phase."

*Parent of D. Jovic, W.T. Lewis, Elementary*